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# **The University of Nebraska at Omaha**

**May Commencement 2007**

## ***UNO Chimes***

*And the chimes ring out for Omaha,  
bidding welcome to old and new, to our Alma Mater,  
Nebraska Omaha, this city's great Nebraska U.*

*We will lift our voice, pledging loyalty,  
for our thoughts and memories are fond and true.*

*Voices loud and strong, sing out praise and gratefulness  
to Omaha Nebraska U!*

*Hail to you, Omaha Nebraska U!*

# Commencement

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Omaha Civic Auditorium

May 4, 2007

2:00 p.m.

*...to those who dedicate their lives to  
the high calling of instruction  
to all students who shall here  
learn to earn a living  
and to live a cultured life  
not as two processes  
but as one...*

# PROGRAM

## PRELUDE

"Three Pieces".....Ludwig Maurer

## PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1".....E. Elgar  
Palladium Brass

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....Acting Vice Chancellor Sheri Rogers

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star Spangled Banner".....Key  
Please join in singing led by  
Mr. Timothy Vallier  
Junior, Music Major

CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME.....Interim Chancellor John Christensen

REGENTS' WELCOME.....Charles Wilson  
Member, Board of Regents

STUDENT ADDRESS.....Mr. Justin Ptacnik  
"A True College Experience"

PRESENTATION OF CITATION FOR ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT.....Mr. Lee Denker  
Director, Alumni Association

To: Mr. Tim. Hart

INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS.....Acting Vice Chancellor Sheri Rogers

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES.....Academic Deans  
~~CONFERRING OF DEGREES~~.....Interim Chancellor John Christensen

Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education,  
Specialist in Education, and Master's.....Associate Vice Chancellor Tom Bragg  
Bachelor's  
Arts and Sciences.....Associate Dean Eric Manley  
Engineering.....Associate Dean Raymond Moore  
Education.....Dean John Langan  
Business Administration.....Dean Louis Pol  
Public Affairs and Community Service.....Dean B. J. Reed  
Education and Human Sciences.....Professor Julie Johnson  
Information Science & Technology.....Dean Hesham Ali  
Communication, Fine Arts and Media.....Dean Gail Baker

CLOSING.....Acting Vice Chancellor Sheri Rogers

## RECESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4".....E. Elgar

For the safety and convenience of our guests and out of respect for our graduates, we ask that members of the audience refrain from leaving their seats, congregating near the stage or exiting prior to the close of our ceremonies. A professional photographer will record graduates as they cross the stage. Photos are available from the vendors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Identification of the hood and robe as academic apparel is believed to have originated at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The hoods are a carry-over from the times when monks, who operated these universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter. The robe is an adaptation of the shoulder cape also worn by these same monks while collecting alms.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, a commission of University officials adopted a universal code of design and color for the academic garb. This code has undergone several revisions in subsequent years.

Styling of the robes varies for the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees with the width of sleeve borders and length of the hood increasing with each advanced degree. Hoods are normally not used for bachelor's degrees today. Instead, the tassel colors are used to indicate the degree program. All doctoral degree recipients are indicated by a gold tassel.

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program is a University-wide program providing maximum educational opportunities for students of high ability through special multidisciplinary seminars and participation in an academic level not generally possible in usual curricular offerings.

The program is an outgrowth of the Arts and Sciences Honors program and was initiated in 1978. It is governed through the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and administered through the Honors Coordinator. UNO colleges which implement honors programs include Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Public Affairs and Community Service; Information Science and Technology; and Communication, Fine Arts and Media.

As part of their Honors Program requirements, students undertake a research project that results in a Senior Honors Thesis. Students and their thesis topics are listed at the end of the list of graduates. Students who have been designated in this booklet as Honors Program students have fulfilled the academic requirements of this program. Honors Program graduates wear blue and scarlet Honors cords.

## MEDALLION COLORS

Students receiving their baccalaureate degree with honors will be presented medallions in the colors designated.

Summa Cum Laude.....	Red/White
Magna Cum Laude.....	White
Cum Laude.....	Red

## PHI KAPPA PHI

Members of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's most selective all-discipline academic honor organization, shall be recognized by the navy blue and gold honor cords or stoles.

## OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Active student members of the UNO Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, shall be recognized by the blue, white and black honor cords, the official colors of the society.

## PI GAMMA MU

Blue and white cords with the blue tassels honor graduating members of Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science.

## GRADUATION TASSEL COLORS

Doctoral Programs.....	Gold
Cooperative Programs	
Master of Public Health.....	Salmon
College of Arts and Sciences	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Arts for Teachers of Mathematics.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Specialist in Education.....	Light Blue
Bachelor of Arts.....	White
Bachelor of Science.....	Golden Yellow
UNL College of Engineering.....	Orange
Associate.....	Grey-Blue
College of Education.....	Light Blue
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Specialist in Education.....	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education.....	Light Blue
College of Business Administration	
Master of Business Administration.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Business Administration:	
Executive MBA.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Accounting.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Arts.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Science.....	Drab (Nugget)
Bachelor of Science in	
Business Administration.....	Drab (Nugget)
College of Public Affairs and Community Service	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Master of Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Master of Social Work.....	Citron
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of General Studies.....	Black
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Bachelor of Science in Social Work.....	Citron
Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Aviation.....	Golden Yellow
College of Education and Human Sciences.....	Maroon
College of Information Science and Technology	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in	
Management Information Systems.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics.....	Golden Yellow
College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Music.....	Pink
Bachelor of Arts in Art History.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Communication.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.....	White
Bachelor of Fine Arts.....	Brown
Bachelor of Music.....	Pink
Bachelor of Science in Communication.....	Golden Yellow

## **STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

### **JUSTIN PTACNIK**

Justin Ptacnik, a Blair, Neb., native, is graduating summa cum laude today with a bachelor of science degree in management information systems. The title of his commencement address is "A True College Experience."

An active leader on campus, Ptacnik has been a member of numerous organizations, including serving as chapter president of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, as well as the group's international vice president, and organized the "Just Can It!" food drive. He also was the information science and technology student senator for three years and the two-year president of the Greek honor society Order of Omega.

Ptacnik was involved with the Emerging Leaders Program, Greek Endeavor and Omicron Delta Kappa, and served on the College of Information Science and Technology Dean Search Committee - an opportunity he is proud to have experienced. Through the search committee process, Ptacnik said he was able to meet and interact with many accomplished and interesting individuals, and that it was satisfying to have a small role in determining the future of the college.

Among his many honors are MIS major honoree, the Intra-Fraternity Council Highest G.P.A. Award, Gary A. Salquist Pi Kappa Alpha Leadership Award, Pi Kappa Alpha Chairman of the Year Award and Greek Week Essay Award.

In his spare time, Ptacnik enjoys spending time outdoors and exercising. Last summer, he was selected, from an international candidate pool, to participate in a weeklong survival course in the Utah desert. The course taught him survival techniques like making fire from sticks and how to overcome sleep and food deprivation.

Following graduation, he will begin working in the Management Trainee Program at First National Bank. Ptacnik plans to pursue an M.B.A. in the near future and one day hopes to engage in entrepreneurial activities.



## **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **TIMOTHY D. HART**

Timothy Hart is senior vice president and treasurer of First National Bank of Nebraska (FNN). He is being recognized for his distinguished, successful banking career and extensive service to the community.

With more than \$16 billion in assets and millions of customers across the United States, FNN is the largest, privately held bank holding company in the country. In the 24 years he has been a part of FNN, Hart has held a number of positions, including chief financial officer, treasurer, corporate secretary and division head. He also joined the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Omaha in 1998 and served until December of 2006.

Hart received a bachelor's degree in business administration from UNO in 1980 and continues to put those learned business practices to use in the community and beyond. He is a member of the boards of Opera Omaha, the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Nebraska Bankers Association.

He has served as state president, multi-state director and chair of the national planning committee for Financial Executives International (FEI) - an organization with more than 15,000 CFOs and treasurers. Currently, Hart is national chair of legislative policy for FEI's Private Companies group.

In addition, Hart has provided leadership as past chair of the Nebraska Tax Research Council and the Nebraska Choral Arts Society, and as a former board member of the Salvation Army, United Way of the Midlands Allocations, the Committee to Study City/County Merger and the Governor's Commission on Welfare Reform.

He and his wife, Debbie, a 1979 UNO graduate, are active in the Omaha community and have chaired several fundraisers.

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGRESS

This list includes names of persons who were candidates as of May 4, 2007  
Degress to be awarded are subject to completion of academic requirements

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Yi Peng, Bachelor of Economics, Sichuan Union University, 1997; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; PhD in Information Technology, "A Descriptive Framework for the Field of Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery;" Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Zhengxin Chen and Dr. Yong Shi

Dianne Travers Gustafson, BA, University of California, 1971; BSN, Creighton University, 1979; MS, Creighton University, 1993; PhD in Human Sciences from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Is Vitamin D Intake, Insufficiency, or Deficiency Associated with Falls in Community-Dwelling, Rural, Post-Menopausal Women?" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. James Thorson

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Edward James Bennett, BA, University of Iowa, 1992; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; EdD in Educational Administration, "The Effect of an Intensive Writing Instruction Assessment Preparation Program on Student Writing Proficiency;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. John Hill

Victor Hayden Fordyce, BA, University of Texas, 1970; MA, Chapman University, 1988; EdD in Educational Administration, "Cynicism in Christian Secondary Schools: A Phenomenology;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. John Hill

Robert LeRoy Goeman, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 1992; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1998; EdD in Educational Administration, "Teacher Candidates' Perceptions of Traditional Classroom Assessments and Electronic Portfolio Classroom Assessments;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Laura Schulte

Lisa Ann St. Clair, BS, Liberty University, 1987; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; EdD in Educational Administration, "The Impact of Elementary Principal Supervision on Public Prekindergarten Classrooms and Student Development;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. John Hill

### SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Lachelle L. Fiscus, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; School Psychology, "Comparing the Play in Early Childhood Evaluation System to the Ages and Stages Questionnaire;" Field Project Advisor: Dr. Lisa Kelly-Vance

Janet Lynn Miller, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; School Psychology, "Attitude Accessibility and Education: Students' Reported Attitudes toward Peers with Disabilities in Parochial and Public Schools;" Field Project Advisor: Dr. Lisa Kelly-Vance

Karin Leak Mussman, BA, Creighton University, 2003; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; School Psychology, "Using an Effort Praise Intervention to Increase Achievement and Persistence in Reading;" Field Project Advisor: Dr. Lisa Kelly-Vance

Jeffrey Charles Story, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1984; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1995; Educational Administration and Supervision, "An Analysis of the Effectiveness of Uninterrupted Time on High Stakes Writing Assessments;" Field Project Advisor: Dr. Leon Dappen

Megan M. Stroud, BS, Iowa State University, 2002; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; School Psychology, "Home Literacy Environments and Emergent Literacy Skills of English- and Spanish-Speaking Students;" Field Project Advisor: Dr. Lisa Kelly-Vance

### MASTER OF ARTS

Jeffrey John Bernadt, BA, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2003; History

Mark A. Blackwell, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1995; Communication, "Branded, Bombarded and Besieged Advertising Exposure and the 'Average' Consumer;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Sherer

Kasey Renee Brandt, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1999; Theatre

J. Daniel Brewer, BS, Southern Illinois University, 1977; English

Jennifer Frances Buck, BS, University of Alabama, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Joanne M. Chapuran, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1991; Secondary Education, "First Things First: What Do Students Really Know About the First Amendment?;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Melodee Landis

Paul Robert Coate, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Theatre, "'To Follow the Thread of the Hero Path': Preparing the Roles of Cervantes, Quijana, and Don Quixote for Dale Wasserman's *Man of La Mancha*;" Project Advisor: Dr. D. Scott Glasser

Karen Louise Coover, BA, Peru State College, 1984; Theatre

Jennifer Lynne Crowther, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Lubica Cverckova, BA, Comenius University, 2001; Geography, "Spatial Analysis of Topography for Glacier Mapping in the Western Himalaya;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Shroder

Theresa A. deBoer, BS, Excelsior College, 1981; Geography, "Relationships between the Newhall Simulation Model and Dryland Corn Yield in the Major Land Resource Areas of Nebraska;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Peake

Jamie Jo Eikmeier, BS, Wayne State College, 2002; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Adam Daniel Flaherty, BA, Concordia University, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Leah Jane Fuhrman, BA, Coe College, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Marcus Benjamin Gaffney, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; English

Amanda Gerding, BA, Minnesota State University, 2003; English

Stephanie Lyn Hand, BS, University of Minnesota, 1998; Communication, "Framing Females in Sport: The Pictorial and Written Coverage of Female Athletes in *Sports Illustrated* from 1996-2005;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Carlson

Erin Rebecca Hicks, BS, University of Texas, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Lynne Hilton, BS, Wayne State College, 2004; English

Angela Dawnielle Horchem, BA, York College, 2003; Theatre

Craig Anthony Johnson, BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1999; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Abdul Qadir Khan, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Theatre

Jason M. Kofoot, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Kelly Connelly Lawler, BA, College of Saint Benedict, 1996; Communication

Amanda Linder, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; English

Bethany Chloe Elliott Merklings, BA, Dalhousie University, 2005; Theatre, "The Visual Story of Ruby Red Slippers: Costume Design in Children's Theatre;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Douglas Paterson

Yvette Price Moscoso, BS, California State University, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Erin Elizabeth Mulvany, BS, Morningside College, 2004; Theatre

Jamie Navarette, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2004; English

Suzanne Olsen, BS, Peru State College, 2003; Communication

Fumiaki Onishi, Bachelor of Education, Osaka Kyoiku University, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Troy Allan Paisley, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1996; History

Peggy J. Peterson, BA, Doane College, 1978; Communication

Mallory Maria Prucha Rishoi, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Theatre

Kate Rempfer, BS, Wayne State College, 2005; Communication

Denise Ruth Rieck, BA, Hastings College, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Brad J. Schick, BA, University of Northern Colorado, 2000; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Emily Louise Schleicher, BS, Colorado State University, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Chad D. Schwartz, BA, College of Saint Benedict, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Erin Sheckells, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Kansas, 2003, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Amber Marie Shepherd, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Andrew J. Skarka, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Danielle L. Smith, BA, University of Northern Colorado, 1999; Theatre

Erin Smith, BS, Creighton University, 2003; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Scott Thomas Stalnaker, BA, Saint Olaf College, 2002; English

Glauca Pereira Steckelberg, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Communication, "'Will the Twenty-Five of You Accept this Rose?' Assessing Gender Portrayals on ABC's *The Bachelor*" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Hilt

Liddie Thompson, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Criminal Justice, "Blocks & Robbers: An Analysis of the Frequency of Robbery on Public Housing Blocks and on Blocks Adjacent to Public Housing Blocks in Omaha, Nebraska;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Lisa Sample

Marni M. Valerio, BA, University of Dallas, 1994; English, "Cleaning Out;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Lisa Knopp

Rebecca Lyn Wardlaw, BS, Doane College, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Michelle Lynn Zammit, BS, Oakland University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

## **MASTER OF ARTS FOR TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS**

Brent G. Larson, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1999; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Mathematics

Joan T. Potter, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Mathematics

Jill Laurie Shields, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1983; Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1995; Mathematics

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Colleen Harper Aagesen, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1973; Reading

Lynette Renee Abler, Bachelor of Arts in Education, Wayne State College, 1990; Master of Science in Education, Peru State College, 1998; Counseling

Anita Gayle Akers, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Counseling

Ravi Shankar Ammanamanchi, Bachelor of Engineering, University of Madras, 2002; Management Information Systems

Jayne Marie Antony, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1986; Management Information Systems

Jennifer Lynn Armstrong, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2004; Speech-Language Pathology

Amy Christine Badding, BS, Iowa State University, 1997; Counseling

Calvin Lee Banks, Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Secondary Education

Amy Kathleen Batten, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2002; Counseling

Jerome Bownes, BS, Creighton University, 2003; Mathematics

Meghan Elizabeth Braun, BS, Creighton University, 2002; Counseling

Susan Kay Brown-Ziola, Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1995; Educational Administration and Supervision

YongSeok Choi, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Management Information Systems

Kerrie Renee Christensen, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2003; Counseling

Linda Marie Christiansen, BA, Texas A&M University, 1978; MBA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1989; Juris Doctorate, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1996; Biology

Nichole Ray Christie, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Elementary Education

Colleen Kay Collins, Bachelor of Science in Education, Northwest Missouri State University, 2003; Special Education

Kai Elisabeth Cook, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1990; Secondary Education

Andria Lynn Copple, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1995; Counseling

Megan Kalees Cornish, BS, Wayne State College, 1999; Special Education

Tarina Marie Cox, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2001; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Educational Administration and Supervision

Elizabeth Ann Dickson, BA, Central College, 1999; Counseling

Amber Marie Dirkschneider, BA, Creighton University, 2005; Criminal Justice

Moses Kwasikumah Donkor, BS, University of Ghana, 2000; Biology, "Mammary Tumor-Associated Growth Factor Overexpression and Expansion of Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Elaine Lahue

Michael James Downes, BA, Saint John's University, 2003; School Psychology

Meenakshi T. Dudani, Bachelor of Engineering, University of Pune, 2000; Computer Science, "Design Process of Database Driven Website;" Project Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Dick

John Michael Eden, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Management Information Systems

Lana Erickson, Bachelor of Science in Education, Concordia University, 1994; Elementary Education

Tracey M. Fahl, BS, Eastern New Mexico University, 1995; Counseling

Jennifer Leigh Feyerherm, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; School Psychology

Christina Garcia, BS, Northeastern State University, 1997; Secondary Education

Andrew Thomas Gelenter, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Computer Science

John Matthew Giles, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1996; Special Education

Wendy Lynn Grojean, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Educational Administration and Supervision

Susan G. Harder, BA, Buena Vista University, 1992; Educational Administration and Supervision

Daniel M. Harnett, BA, Wabash College, 1990; BS, University of Oklahoma, 1994; Mathematics

Tatum Ellice Hartvigsen, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Educational Administration and Supervision

Matthew John Hoeing, BA, Benedictine College, 2005; Computer Science

Michele Christine Humpal, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1998; Speech-Language Pathology

Laura Ann Jackson, BA, Northwestern College, 2002; Educational Administration and Supervision

Joel Jorgensen, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Biology, "Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*) Abundance, Habitat Use, and Distribution during Migratory Stopover in the Rainwater Basin, Nebraska;" Thesis Advisor: John McCarty

Rhonda Sue Josten, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1981; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1994; Counseling

Sridevi Kamma, MS, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science, 1997; Computer Science

Eric Amann Kassi, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Management Information Systems

Brian Patrick Keating, BS, Morningside College, 1996; Management Information Systems

Benjamin King, BA, Hastings College, 2005; School Psychology

Susan M. Kirchofer, BA, Chadron State College, 1985; MA, Goddard College, 2002; Counseling

Kayla M. Koeber, BS, Wayne State College, 2002; Special Education

Trisha Ann Konechne, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Speech-Language Pathology

Elizabeth Ann Koster, BS, University of South Dakota, 2005; Criminal Justice

Ramprasad Kraleti, Bachelor of Technology, Acharya Nagaijuna University, 2002; Computer Science

Lori Kruger, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; School Psychology

Melanie Lempke, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1986; School Psychology

Gary L. Lippstreu, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1973; Management Information Systems

Pavan Kumar Lolla, BS, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2004; Computer Science

Venugopal Maraju, Bachelor of Engineering, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2004; Management Information Systems

Marissa Ann Marx, BS, University of South Dakota, 2005; Criminal Justice

Kevin Eugene Matulka, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1984; Educational Administration and Supervision

Mary Elizabeth Mazzeo, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Educational Administration and Supervision

Sara Eileen McCandless, Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1999; Elementary Education

Megan L. McDougal, BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2002; Counseling

Abigail Kathryn McGinnis, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Elementary Education

Dawn J. McKain, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1990; Special Education

Stephanie Suzanne McKee, Bachelor of Science in Education, College of Saint Mary, 1998; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Educational Administration and Supervision

Brandi Lynn McManigal, BA, Midland Lutheran College, 2004; Counseling

Kane M. Miller, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Health, Physical Education and Recreation, "The Relationship between Youth and Adult Physical Activity;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Noble

Heather J.D. Moody, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2001; Counseling and Criminal Justice

Kandi Allyn Morris, BA, University of Kansas, 2003; Criminal Justice

Nathan Andrew Moseley, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Educational Administration and Supervision

Diane Marie Muelleman, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1982; Special Education

John K. Munyasya, BS, Kenyatta University, 1992; Management Information Systems

Mindy Lee Murphy, BS, Creighton University, 2000; Counseling

Gaihua Na, BS, Nanjing Forestry University, 2000; Computer Science, "Low-Cost Voice-Over-IP Load Generation;" Project Advisor: Dr. Harvey Siy

Rifyan Syahputra Nasution, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Mathematics

Mary Jaclyn Newbury, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Criminal Justice

Kristen Marie Pedersen, BS, Santa Clara University, 2001; School Psychology

Jody Lee Phillips, BA, Dana College, 2001; Educational Administration and Supervision

Susan N. Polk, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1989; Counseling

Sandra Denise Andralie Reade, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Management Information Systems, "The Impact of E-Government in Bridging the Privilege Gap: A Case Study of the City of Omaha, Nebraska;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ilze Zigurs

Susan E. Rehmann, BS, Creighton University, 1998; Elementary Education

Karen Smith Reid, BS, West Texas A&M University, 1977; Counseling

Nicholas P. Reiser, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Innovative Reinforced/Prestressed Concrete Bridge Superstructure Systems;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Maher Tadros

Tricia Jo Rohde, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Special Education

Stacy Erin Rose, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Counseling

Matthew Kyle Rutherford, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Educational Administration and Supervision

Kanthi Reddy Saddi, Bachelor of Technology, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2004; Computer Science

Eric Lee Sagert, BA, Iowa State University, 1997; BS, Peru State College, 2003; Counseling

Michelle Lee Scheet, Bachelor of Science in Education, Northwest Missouri State University, 1999; Elementary Education

William Dana Schmidt, BS, Wayne State College, 2000; Educational Administration and Supervision

Sharon Schondelmeyer, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Management Information Systems

Sarah Jane Schreiner, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Management Information Systems

Carla L. Schroder, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1994; MA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Counseling

Julie Ann Siedlik, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000; Elementary Education

Christine Louise Sjoberg, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation, "Bioenergetic Analysis of Female Volleyball;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kris Berg

Jennifer Stark, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Secondary Education

Bethany Anne Stegman, BA, Hastings College, 2003; Elementary Education

Laura Ann Strubbe, BA, Northwestern College, 2001; Educational Administration and Supervision

Janmejay S. Tanwar, Bachelor of Engineering, North Maharashtra University, 2003; Computer Science, "Effects of Virtual Reality on Gait;" Project Advisor: Dr. Mansour Zand

Lisa M. Terwilleger, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Counseling

Jennifer Elaine Theisen, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Biology

Leah Rochele Tidwell Mann, BA, University of Texas, 2001; Elementary Education

Lina del Pilar Traslavina Ramirez, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2004; Urban Studies

Priscilla Anne Verdoorn, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2001; Criminal Justice

Dorothy M. Walker-Dombeck, BS, Illinois State University, 1983; Behavioral Disorders

Joy J. Wallar, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Counseling

Kristine Marie Ward, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1996; Counseling

Molly Elizabeth Watson, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Political Science

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Shawna Lee Williams, BA, University of Colorado, 2004; Industrial, Organizational Psychology

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Joseph Aaron Woracek, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; School Psychology

Linda AkyaaYeboah, BS, University of Ghana, 2003; Economics

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Sabrina B. Young, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1999; Elementary Education

Miaomiao Yu, BA, Nankai University, 2003; MA, Nankai University, 2006; Economics

Jorge Mario Zuniga, BS, University Catolica Cardenal Henriquez, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation, "Physiological Responses to Interval Training with Different Intensities and Durations of Work;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kris Berg

## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTING**

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## **MASTER OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING**

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Cathleen C. Novak, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

Misty LaRae Owings, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

Sunil A. Patel, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

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Keith L. Ransen, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

Andrew Ryan Wilson, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

James J. Wingert, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Architectural Engineering

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## **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

John Peter Ahrens III, BS, Southwest Minnesota State University, 2005; Business Administration

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Brett A. Bode, BS, Drake University, 1994; Business Administration

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Sarah Lynn Campie, BS, University of Iowa, 2001; Business Administration

Nicole Ann Damme, BS, Northwest Missouri State University, 2002; Business Administration

Michael Charles Eggert, BA, Saint Louis University, 1990; Business Administration

Julie Ann Falter, BS, Iowa State University, 2002; Business Administration

Rupa Gadgil, BS, University of Bombay, 1992; Business Administration

Destynie Janece Lynn Jenkins, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Business Administration

Stewart Samuel Johnson, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1996; Business Administration

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Forrest B. Newburg, BS, Northeastern Illinois University, 2002; Business Administration

Grant Patrick Novak, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Business Administration

Matthew Guy Peters, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000; Business Administration

Ke Qui, BS, National University of Defense Technology, 1983; MS, Nanjing Institute of Technology, 1986; Business Administration

Edward G. Regan, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1994; Business Administration

Amber Leigh Rinehart, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998; Business Administration

Eric T. Sandquist, BS, Creighton University, 2003; Business Administration

Jill Ann Schmitz, Bachelor of Business Administration, Drake University, 2002; Business Administration

Steve R. Shepherd, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Business Administration

Steve R. Tippery, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998; Business Administration

Evan Andrew Vasiliades, BA, Drake University, 2003; MS, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2004; Business Administration

David G. Withers, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1994; Business Administration

Patrick M. Wolfe, BA, Iowa State University, 1997; Business Administration

Seth Woodke, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2002; Business Administration

Roland F. Yost, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1982; Business Administration

## **MASTER OF MUSIC**

Holly Eileen Campbell, Bachelor of Music, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Music

Christopher Matthew Hammiel, Bachelor of Music, University of Oklahoma, 2000; Music

Morgan Olsen, Bachelor of Music, Utah State University, 2005; Music

Shanna Ann Simonsen, Bachelor of Music, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2001; Music

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

John Nicholas Anderson, BA, Creighton University, 2004; Public Administration

Shelley J. Baldwin, BS, Evangel University, 2001; Public Administration

Kary "Tay" B. Bledsoe Jr, BA, Iowa State University, 2003; Public Administration

Amy L. Bowell McClean, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Public Administration

Larry D. Burks, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Public Administration

Carlos Lairon M. dos Santos, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2003; Public Administration

Timothy Mark Durham, BS, Creighton University, 1982; DDS, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1986; Public Administration

Todd Matthew Enger, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1992; Public Administration

Andrea E. Fellows, BS, University of South Dakota, 2004; Public Administration

Lindy Merritt Gustafson, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2003; Public Administration

Emily Lynn Hawkins, BS, Midland Lutheran College, 1997; BSN, Creighton University, 2002; Public Administration

Kyle Ricky-Dee Herber, BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2003; Public Administration

Lisa Marie Hinson, BA, University of Tennessee, 2002; Public Administration

Stacy Horsham, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000; Public Administration

Shannon Leigh Howard, BA, University of Texas, 1998; Public Administration

Andrea Marie Kathol, BA, University of West Florida, 2004; Public Administration

Tara Ann Leonard, BA, University of Iowa, 2001; Public Administration

Paula Catherine Lindeman, BA, Creighton University, 2003; Public Administration

Phillip Martin Lookadoo, BS, University of North Carolina, 1994; Public Administration

Kevin Michael Russell, BA, Humboldt State University, 1996; Public Administration

Kara Lin Terese Starlin, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Public Administration

Rod Burley Streets, BS, Brigham Young University, 1997; Public Administration

Mary Jayne Uher, BA, Doane College, 2000; Public Administration

Cheryl Lynn Wingate, Bachelor of Social Work, Union College, 2002; Public Administration

### **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Krishna Dameci Bailey, BA, Dillard University, 2003; Social Work

Nellie Sando Beyan, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Social Work

Katrina April Clemens, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Social Work

Kaylene Marie Finney, BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2002; Social Work

Rochelle Alloy Fox, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Social Work

Angela Marie Gibson, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2002; Social Work

Jasmine Regina Hermanek, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Social Work

Stacy M. Horsham, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000; Social Work

Tracy Lynn Hortman, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Social Work

Jody Ann Johnson, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2003; Social Work

Julie Ann Kessel-Schultz, BA, Buena Vista University, 1994; Social Work

Amy Anne Knudson, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Social Work

Ann Marie Lawless, Bachelor of Social Work, Creighton University, 2002; Social Work

Darcy Mylinn Miller, BS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, 1996; Social Work

Nicole Jean Morrison, BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2005; Social Work

Kalan D. Root, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2002; Social Work

Jacquelyn Renae Serflaten, BS, Northwest Missouri State University, 2003; Social Work

Nancy Louise Shafer, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1967; MA, University of Northern Colorado, 1972; Social Work

Kimberlea M. Weston-Schenkelberg, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Social Work

Cheryl Lynn Wingate, Bachelor of Social Work, Union College, 2002; Social Work

## DEGREES WITH HONORS

Asterisk designates 4.0 grade point average.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Bachelor of Arts

##### Summa Cum Laude

Daniel James Blazek  
Michael Dale Eickman  
Abby Louise Hagler  
Heather Lynne Horst  
Cassandra L. Nespor  
Ryan Rakowsky  
Amanda Joy Timm  
Hanna Suzaly Wanzenried  
Justin D. Wheeler

##### Summa Cum Laude Honors Extra Muros

Michelle Lee Flint

##### Magna Cum Laude

Alina Y. Banasyak  
Renaë Maxine Bunde  
Rachel Anne Buser  
Thomas G. Distefano  
Jennie Laree Gaston  
Matthew Scott Hansen  
Barbara Lee Ihle  
Robert Thomas Marcell  
Noelle Marie Obermeyer  
Linden Maria Prickett  
Alyson Amber Roach  
Amanda Lynn Ruhs  
Sanel Selimovic  
Jocelyn Rae Serlet  
Maggie Marie Susemihl  
Matthew Scott Wilwerding

##### Magna Cum Laude Honors Extra Muros

Ali Barakat Alshehab  
Benjamin Lee Cramer  
Justin Allen Eckert  
Dilnoza Mirzozalievna Mirzobahodurova

##### Cum Laude

Tyler Joseph Brown  
Viviana Desmoineaux  
Danielle M. Dring  
Nicole Elizabeth Hayford  
Claudia Michelle Korth  
Stefanie Michelle Monge  
Kristen Nicole Uppendahl  
Aaron Joseph Walts

##### Cum Laude Honors Extra Muros

Ruwan Priyankara Algewattage  
Blake Wade Johnson  
Anastassia Persidsky

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Summa Cum Laude

Solomon Asher Connealy  
Christopher Michael Hasiak \*  
Alicia Marie Hinze  
Lisa Ann Krivohlavek  
Kelly Dawn Lambert  
Magdalena Maria Orzylowski  
Jennifer Virdean Westbrook

##### Magna Cum Laude

Shelby Lee Buettner  
Tess Marie Eidem  
Thomas Cody Farrens  
Kelli Marie Frey  
Elizabeth Anne Gregory  
Jennifer Marie Heineman  
Barbara Lee Ihle  
Shannon L. Iwanski  
Brian Michael Mostek  
Jason Lee Pecka  
Rachelle Ann Pumphrey  
Megan Roxanne Ring  
Adam Steven Smith  
Cheyanne Jae Swarthout  
Bronson W. Wacker  
Andrea Lynne Westerbuhr-Sharpe

##### Magna Cum Laude Honors Extra Muros

Kendra Kae Huxman

##### Cum Laude

Joshua Ross Best  
Elizabeth Etta Dussault  
Daniel James Hassing  
Yun Lin  
Timothy Albert Siegel  
Deborah Blynda Skourup

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

##### Summa Cum Laude

Lee Ashland  
Cody Allen Butt  
Alaina Marie Hrabak  
Kyle Nathan Kaufman  
Justin H. Shelly  
John P. Szalewski  
Justin D. Wheeler

##### Magna Cum Laude

Jamie Lee Anderson  
Jennifer Lynn Anderson  
Carrie Ray Bargmann  
Kathryn M. Becker  
Christina Rachelle Black  
Chad Douglas Brakhahn  
Desiree Ann Campbell  
Anita Ann Caradori  
Konstantin Gregory Etus  
Danielle Christine Hancock  
Angela Kristen Kampschnieder  
David Richard Marx  
Karli Nicole Monzingo  
Daina Claire Morrill  
John William Murray  
Alex John Nikiforuk  
Beatrice E. Polak  
Crystal Ann Preister  
Jeremy F. Prokop  
Ryan E. Renner  
Adam Charles Stark  
Nicholas Scott Taylor

Karen Anne Thies  
Brenton Jarrett Thompson  
Zachary Roger Wendland  
Justin Lee Youmans  
Katherine Lorraine Zielinski

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Alexandra Christine Chevalier  
David Thomas Daro  
Amir Benjamin Drori  
Nathan John Fuchtmann  
Sara Marie Gentry  
Kelley Lynn Gutchewsky  
David Patrick Heinen  
Edward J. Howell  
Danielle A. Johns  
Ryan Andrew LaFountain  
Farahnaz K. Madani  
Anthony Quinn Mehner  
Michael Antonio Paz

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Science in Education

##### Summa Cum Laude

Ginger Ann Childs  
Kathryn Michelle Gausman  
Chelsea Alicia Gilroy  
Kimberly Marie Hartmann  
Jessica Lynn Hewett  
Catherine Nora Hinman  
Melissa A. Kelly  
Janeen Nicole Mann  
Mary Kate Millerd \*  
Cara Marie Phelps  
Morgan Kathleen Schroeder  
Carol M. Schuster  
Randi Jo Watson  
Dawn K. Zachary

##### Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Elizabeth Behm  
Patrick Robert Campbell  
Morgan Elizabeth Chaffin  
Kaylene Marie Christensen  
Heidi M. Cunningham  
Jenna M. Donatelle  
Derek Martin Fey  
Kari Lynn Fossum  
Ashley Ann Freeman  
Barbara K. Golwitzer  
Jennifer L. Hagar  
Joe Russell Hamilton  
Ashley Joelene Hansen  
Natalia Maria Hernandez  
Megan Leigh Herzberg  
Karen Lynn Jabens  
Jeffrey Charles Jarecki  
Elicia Mae Johnson  
Jessica Koch  
Matthew Joseph Kudron  
James Edward Lynam  
Jessica Dawn Melancon  
Christina Diane Morelli  
Moriah Robin North  
Jennifer K. Oddo



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EmiLee Christen Paul  
Kasia Leigh Richardson  
Briana Rochelle Ritter  
Erika M. Sharman  
Rebecca Lynn Smith  
Michael J. Tapp  
Stephanie Anne Yowell

**Cum Laude**

Karrie Ann Armbruster  
Johanna Marie Aulner  
Allison Michelle Bonjour  
Sarah Anne Ehlers  
Virginia M. Hansen  
Emily Marie Hiykel  
Melissa L. Knudson  
Ryan Aixa Shantz  
Shana Renee Taylor  
Jennifer Marie Vrana  
Stacie Janelle Wemhoff  
Amy Elizabeth Williams  
Emily Marie Williams  
Christina Marie Wollberg

**UNL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

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**Bachelor of Science  
in Engineering Technology**

**Magna Cum Laude**  
Jarrod James Kucera

**Distinction**

Jarod Russel Jackson

**Bachelor of Science  
in Civil Engineering**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Caleb William Beasley

**Magna Cum Laude**

Benjamin Joseph Bialas  
Curtis James Carter  
Megan Elizabeth Guthrie  
Christie Jo Hasenkamp  
Steven William Olney

**Cum Laude**

Nicholas Terance Balk  
Mark David Egger  
Nathan Joseph Hall  
Jennifer Lee Lechner Victor  
Chad Michael Zimmerman

**Bachelor of Science  
in Computer Engineering**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Brian Douglas Becker  
Luke Samuel Christiansen  
Warren James Connell  
Jerad Peter Hesla

**Magna Cum Laude**

Mikael Andrew Nelson  
Brian Thomas Roy

**Cum Laude**

Adam J. DeMuth  
Jeffrey Lee Falkinburg

**Bachelor of Science  
in Architectural Engineering**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Jeffrey David Hargens  
William Brian Kolm

**Magna Cum Laude**

Kevin Joseph Hupf  
David John Manley  
Brett Jerome Nickeson  
Shaun Andrew Nienhueser

**Cum Laude**

Matthew Joseph Pfannenstiel  
Andrew Patrick Roche  
Ryan Michael Tushner

**Bachelor of Science  
in Electronics Engineering**

**Magna Cum Laude**  
Joshua Stephen Watson

**Cum Laude**

Eric Charles Broady  
Seth Albert Hellbusch  
Anthony Joseph Weaver

**Distinction**

Nicholas Andrew Roy

**COLLEGE OF  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Bachelor of Science  
in Criminal Justice**

**Magna Cum Laude**

Robert Gerrard Book  
John Grant Farr  
Ker Shin Hui  
Joshua Robert Kelly  
*Lincoln Campus*  
Amy Renee Battling  
Angela C. Deadmond  
Marcie Lynn Distefano  
Andrea Maxine Hurt  
Daniel Steven Kellogg  
Cody J Miltenberger  
Heather Michelle Statler

**Cum Laude**

Kathleen Marie Gorman  
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Derek W. Beach  
Nathan Craig Elias  
Daniel Harrison Haley  
Emily Elizabeth Hobbs  
Samuel Jacob Shamburg

**Bachelor of General Studies**

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David William Hugenbruch\*

**Magna Cum Laude**

Shawna Michelle Knudsen  
Stephanie Lynn Mumm  
Stephen T. Reynolds

**Cum Laude**

Benjamin Michael Andera  
Jessica Ann Covert  
Naomi Jane Kangas  
Desiree Donnielle Ruten

**Bachelor of Science  
in Social Work**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Melissa Nicole Oehring

**Magna Cum Laude**

Sarah Elizabeth Cox  
Miranda CherylAnn Lozier

**Cum Laude**

Angela M. Dixon  
Amber Elizabeth King  
Renaë Ann Wein

**Cum Laude**

**Honors Extra Muros**  
Jessica Ann Simons

**Bachelor of Science  
in Aviation**

**Magna Cum Laude**  
Dustin John Babb

**Cum Laude**

Andrew Konrad Pelkner

**COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION AND  
HUMAN SCIENCES**

*(Degrees awarded by  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*

**Bachelor of Science  
in Education and  
Human Sciences**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Nashay Simone Winsley

**Magna Cum Laude**  
Nicole Ann Higgason

**COLLEGE OF  
INFORMATION SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY**

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in Computer Science**

**Summa Cum Laude**  
Andrew K. Behne  
Patrick M. Gaule  
Nicole Rae Kobus  
Troy M. Law

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Eric James Hankins  
Yannick M. Kwete  
Ryan Joseph Phelan  
Brian Thomas Roy

**Cum Laude**

Eric A. Bueltel  
David Thomas Daro  
Frank Joseph Troia

**Bachelor of Science  
in Management  
Information Systems****Summa Cum Laude**

Matthew Stephen Callaway  
Joshua Lee Encarnation  
Steven James Jensen  
Justin Lee Ptacnik  
Ryan P Schurman

**Magna Cum Laude**

David Andrew Branch  
Daina Claire Morrill  
Sergio Rafael Wilson

**Cum Laude**

Lucas Ryan Wentz  
Joseph Richard Zink

**Bachelor of Science  
in Bioinformatics****Magna Cum Laude**

Martin Halmes Goodenberger

**Cum Laude**

Corey Edward Lawson

**COLLEGE OF  
COMMUNICATION,  
FINE ARTS AND MEDIA****Bachelor of Arts  
in Art History****Summa Cum Laude**

John J. Herzinger

**Magna Cum Laude**

Abigail E. Sutter

**Bachelor of Arts  
in Communication****Magna Cum Laude**

Lisa Danielle Riede

**Bachelor of Arts  
in Studio Art****Summa Cum Laude**

Andrew Michael Dakin

**Magna Cum Laude**

Jessica Leigh Cahill  
Amber Elizabeth Elske  
Danielle Julia Hrabik

**Magna Cum Laude****Honors Extra Muros**

Man Gurung

**Cum Laude**

Adam Douglas Bradley

**Bachelor of Arts  
in Theatre****Magna Cum Laude**

Katherine Nicole Martikainen

**Bachelor of Fine Arts****Summa Cum Laude**

Annemarie Christine Potter

**Magna Cum Laude**

Erin Colleen Fleming Griffiths  
Katrina nk Pierce  
Bart Lee Vargas

**Bachelor of Music****Summa Cum Laude**

Emily J. McIvor  
Jill Lynne Wragge

**Magna Cum Laude**

Eric M. Hanson  
Anna Luisa Speed  
Alexander Minh Wimmer

**Cum Laude**

A. Robert Lienemann

**Bachelor of Science  
in Communication****Summa Cum Laude**

Jacklyn Diane Normington

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS' THESES TITLES

Caleb W. Beasley  
 "North Downtown Redevelopment: Proposal & Design"  
 Adviser: Tian Zhang  
 Major: Civil Engineering  
 College of Engineering

Andrew K. Behne  
 "Service Learning: My Experience"  
 Adviser: Donna Dufner  
 Major: Computer Science  
 College of Information Science  
 and Technology

Benjamin J. Bialas  
 "Elk Creek Pines Development"  
 Adviser: Raymond Moore  
 Major: Civil Engineering  
 College of Engineering

Michael V. Cavanaugh  
 "The Advanced Placement Program and Nebraska:  
 Issues and Trends"  
 Adviser: Saundra Wetig  
 Major: Banking & Finance and  
 Investment Science & Portfolio Management  
 College of Business Administration

Fajr Cooperwood  
 "Driven: African Americans'  
 Educational Pursuits, 1735-1870"  
 Adviser: Sharon Wood  
 Major: Black Studies  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Viviana Desmoineaux  
 "Fieldwork in Pajamas: Popular Health Care in the Spanish  
 Speaking Virtual World"  
 Advisers: Mark Rousseau and Timi Barone  
 Major: Sociology  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Michelle L. Flint  
 "A Comprehensive Review of LASIK in 2007"  
 Adviser: James Fawcett  
 Major: Biology  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Megan E. Guthrie  
 "Lot 10 Union Pacific Place"  
 Adviser: Tian Zhang  
 Major: Civil Engineering  
 College of Engineering

Christopher M. Hasiak  
 "Development and Implementation of EISAs for the Detection of  
 Glatiramer Acetate Specific Antibodies in Immunized Amyotrophic  
 Lateral Sclerosis Patients"  
 Adviser: Elaine Lahue  
 Major: Biotechnology  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Daniel J. Hassing  
 "The Need for Cognition and its Role in the Elaboration  
 Likelihood Model"  
 Adviser: Lisa Scherer  
 Majors: Psychology and Spanish  
 College of Arts and Sciences

John J. Herzinger  
 "No Breast, No Body, No Battle of the Sexes: Recontextualizing  
 Andre Masson's "Rape"  
 Beyond Gendered Politics"  
 Adviser: James Czarnecki  
 Major: Art History  
 College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Alicia M. Hinze  
 "Comparative Analyses of Brain Inflammatory Markers and ex  
 vivo Microglial Responses from Alzheimer's Disease and Non-  
 Demented Control Subjects"  
 Adviser: Anuja Ghorpade  
 Major: Biotechnology  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Heather L. Horst  
 "The Demand for Higher Education: A UNO Case Study"  
 Adviser: William Corcoran  
 Majors: Economics and Spanish  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Kacie J. Johansen  
 "Dragonflies and Damselflies as Indicators  
 of Man-made Wetland Restoration"  
 Adviser: Claudia Rauter  
 Major: Biology  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Nicole R. Kobus  
 "Electronic Document Imaging"  
 Adviser: Donna Dufner  
 Major: Computer Science  
 College of Information Science and Technology

Jennifer L. Kopanic  
 "Interference of Receptor Function  
 Using Cancer-Associated Mini-Proteins"  
 Adviser: Jodi Kreiling  
 Majors: Biotechnology, Chemistry and Spanish  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Emily J. McIvor  
 "Transcription: A Musical Translation of  
 J.S. Bach's First Cello Suite, BWV 1007"  
 Adviser: Cynthia Nichols  
 Major: Music Performance, Clarinet  
 College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Cassandra Nespor  
 "Deseos e Identidad: Mujeres en las  
 novelas de Gabriel Garcia Marquez"  
 Adviser: Jose Mesa  
 Majors: English and Spanish  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Noelle M. Obermeyer  
 "The Art of War: Using Rape as a Strategy for Victory"  
 Adviser: Meredith Bacon  
 Majors: Political Science and International Studies  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Stephen W. Osberg  
 "A Necessary Defense of the Necessity Defense: Interrogational  
 Torture and the Law"  
 Adviser: Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado  
 Major: Political Science  
 College of Arts and Sciences

Linden M. Prickett  
"The Effect of the Hazard Function Probability  
on Delayed Naming Performance"  
Adviser: Michael Cortese  
Major: Psychology  
College of Arts and Sciences

Brian T. Roy  
"Eye of the Tekbot"  
Adviser: Hamid Sharif  
Majors: Computer Engineering and Computer Science  
Colleges of Engineering and  
Information Science and Technology

Anna L. Speed  
"Hindemith Cello Sonata, Op. 25, No. 3"  
Adviser: David Low  
Major: Music Performance, Cello  
College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Cheyenne J. Swarthout  
"Boutique and Physician-Owned Practices: An Effort to Take Back  
Control from Corporate Hospitals"  
Adviser: Boyd Littrell  
Major: Psychology  
College of Arts and Sciences

Amanda J. Timm  
"The Spirituality of Community Care"  
Adviser: Paul Williams  
Major: Spanish  
College of Arts and Sciences

## **ARMED FORCES COMMISSIONS**

### ***Military Commissions***

#### ***Candidates for Commission as a Second Lieutenant***

##### **U.S. Army**

*Presented by Lieutenant Colonel Mark P. Turner,  
U.S. Army; Department Chair*

Robert Book, Norfolk NE; Military Intelligence  
Joyce Dolezal, Omaha, NE; Military Intelligence  
Stacey Rodgers, El Dorado, AR; Quartermaster Corps

## CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

This list includes names of persons who were candidates as of April 25, 2007.  
Degrees to be awarded are subject to completion of academic requirements.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Bachelor of Arts

Samantha Alba  
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Megan Sarah Alexander  
Ruwan Priyankara Algewattage  
Ali Barakat Alshehab  
Derrick Thomas Antoniak  
Alina Y. Banasyak  
Christopher David Beaudoin  
Andrew J. Bendlin  
Said Bennani  
John Scott Berger  
Joshua Joseph Berry  
Daniel James Blazek  
Kelsey Marie Boe  
Christopher Andrew Boehm  
Jamie Louis Boldt  
Laura Mae Brouwer  
Jonathan Lewis Brown  
Tyler Joseph Brown  
Renaë Maxine Bunde  
Rachel Anne Buser  
Kimberly Sue Carman  
Rebecca Anne Christi  
Kelly Nicole Comorski  
Darcie Renaë Consbruck  
Dawn M. Cooperwood  
Anthony John Costello  
Benjamin Lee Cramer  
Korrie Ann Crisman  
Ashley E. Crnkovich  
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